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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFSET: MILITARY PROCUREMENT

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1. IN THE CONTEXT OF DISCUSSING BURDENSARING INITIATIVE WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERMES, DCM DREW ON REFTTEL, URGING THAT A MILITARY PROCURMENT WORKING GROUP, WITH WASHINGTON, EMBASSY AND MAAG PERSONNEL, MEET WITH FRG DEFMIN OFFICIALS TO EXAMINE PROCUREMENT PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH OFFSET. HERMES RESPONDED DIRECTLY THAT WHILE FRG WOULD WELCOME A LIST OF SPECIFIC US ITEMS FOR PROCUREMENT, THE GERMAN MILITARY GUDGET IS NOT YET FIRM ENOUGH TO PERMIT USEFUL CONTACTS BETWEEN DOD AND MOD REPS. THE GERMANS PREPARED TO RECEIVE A US LIST WHICH THEY COULD EXAMINE IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR BUDGET LIMITATIONS BEFORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH US.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO SUBMISSION OF US LIST OF POSSIBLE PROCUREMENT ITEMS, THE MAAG HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH ITS FMOD CONTACTS, WHO PREFER SUBMIT TO HERMES GERMAN SHOPPING LIST, ON WHICH US SIDE, INCLUDING MAAG, WILL
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HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT. IN LIGHT OF SUCH PREFERENCE
IN FMOD, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD LET GERMAN
SIDE TAKE LEAD IN PREPARING LIST AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE
INSTRUCTED, WE WILL TAKE NO ACTION FOR THE PRESENT,
OTHER THAN PREPARING A LIST FOR INTERNAL USE WHICH WILL
PROVIDE BASIS FOR COMMENTING ON GERMAN LIST.
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